

CLAIMS

1. A liquid-absorbent composition, comprises:  
a powder of a liquid-absorbent crosslinked resin  
5 produced by crosslinking a methyl vinyl ether/maleic  
anhydride copolymer with a polyfunctional isocyanate  
compound, and  
a binder resin.
- 10 2. The liquid-absorbent composition according to  
Claim 1, wherein said powder has an average particle  
diameter of 0.1 to 150  $\mu\text{m}$ .
- 15 3. The liquid-absorbent composition according to  
Claim 1 or 2, wherein said methyl vinyl ether/maleic  
anhydride copolymer has a weight average molecular weight  
of 50,000 to 1,200,000.
- 20 4. The liquid-absorbent composition according to  
any of Claims 1 to 3, wherein the polyfunctional  
isocyanate compound is used in an amount of 0.1 to 2 mol  
per 100 mol of the constituent monomer units of the methyl  
vinyl ether/maleic anhydride copolymer.

5. The liquid-absorbent composition according to any of Claims 1 to 4, wherein the polyfunctional isocyanate compound is a trifunctional isocyanate compound.

5 6. A liquid-absorbent sheet, comprising a supporting substrate and formed on one side thereof a liquid-absorbent crosslinked resin layer produced by crosslinking a methyl vinyl ether/maleic anhydride copolymer with a polyfunctional isocyanate compound.

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7. The liquid-absorbent sheet according to Claim 6, wherein an adhesive layer is formed on the other side of the supporting substrate.

15 8. The liquid-absorbent sheet according to Claim 6, wherein said liquid-absorbent crosslinked resin layer contains a pressure-sensitive adhesive.

9. The liquid-absorbent sheet according to any of  
20 Claims 6 to 8, wherein said methyl vinyl ether/maleic anhydride copolymer has a weight average molecular weight of 50,000 to 1,200,000.

10. The liquid-absorbent sheet according to any of  
25 Claims 6 to 9, wherein the polyfunctional isocyanate compound is used in an amount of 0.1 to 2 mol per 100 mol

of the constituent monomer units of the methyl vinyl ether/maleic anhydride copolymer.

11. The liquid-absorbent sheet according to any of  
5 Claims 6 to 10, wherein the polyfunctional isocyanate compound is a trifunctional isocyanate compound.

12. A method for manufacturing a liquid-absorbent crosslinked resin, comprising dissolving a methyl vinyl  
10 ether/maleic anhydride copolymer in an amount of 3 to 35 wt% in a solvent with an SP value of 9 to 14, and adding a polyfunctional isocyanate compound to this solution to perform a crosslinking reaction.

13. The manufacturing method according to Claim 12,  
15 wherein said methyl vinyl ether/maleic anhydride copolymer has a weight average molecular weight of 50,000 to 1,200,000.

14. The manufacturing method according to Claim 12  
20 or 13, wherein the polyfunctional isocyanate compound is used in an amount of 0.1 to 2 mol per 100 mol of the constituent monomer units of the methyl vinyl ether/maleic anhydride copolymer.

15. The manufacturing method according to any of Claims 12 to 14, wherein the polyfunctional isocyanate compound is a trifunctional isocyanate compound.

5        16. A nonaqueous electrolyte battery pack,  
comprising a battery case and disposed within the battery  
case a nonaqueous electrolyte battery cell, a wiring  
circuit board, and an electrolyte absorption member for  
absorbing electrolyte in the event that electrolyte leaks  
10 from a nonaqueous electrolyte battery cell, wherein said  
electrolyte absorption member is formed from the liquid-  
absorbent composition according to any of Claims 1 to 5.

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comprising a battery case and disposed within the battery  
case a nonaqueous electrolyte battery cell, a wiring  
circuit board, and an electrolyte absorption member for  
absorbing electrolyte in the event that electrolyte leaks  
from a nonaqueous electrolyte battery cell, wherein said  
20 electrolyte absorption member is formed from the liquid-  
absorbent composition or liquid-absorbent sheet according  
to any of Claims 6 to 11.